

Easterling, Deborah

From: Easterling, Deborah
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 2:37 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Duke Power Transmission Plan, docket number ND-2015-20-E

Dear Ms. Young ,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to the Public Service Commission of South Carolina. Your email will become a part of ND-2015-20-E - Duke Energy Carolinas: Foothills Transmission and Substation Project- 45-Mile Transmission Line Between Asheville, NC, Power Plant and New Substation Near Campobello, SC, and will be posted on our website under this docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Deborah Easterling
Administrative Coordinator

-----Original Message-----

From: Boyd, Jocelyn
Sent: Tuesday, August 04, 2015 10:21 AM
To: Duke, Daphne; Easterling, Deborah; DeSanty, Tricia
Subject: FW: Duke Power Transmission Plan, docket number ND-2015-20-E

-----Original Message-----

From: Caroline Young [redacted]
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2015 9:15 PM
To: Boyd, Jocelyn
Subject: Duke Power Transmission Plan, docket number ND-2015-20-E

Dear Ms Boyd,

I am writing to express my sincere hope and prayer that the SCPSC will insist that Duke Energy use existing easements for the proposed Foothill's power line. It is distressing that Duke Energy could destroy the environment, beauty and integrity of the Foothills, especially unnecessarily. The entire plan reeks of foul play.

The speed with which Duke has moved forward is very suspect. The Duke representative informed me that they would consider every conservation easement, graveyard and presence of endangered species on all the potential sites by the fall. I questioned what seemed to be an impossible task in this short amount of time. He assured me that they had 300 people on computers working on it. It scares me to think that this decision is based on what one, or three hundred, glean from a computer screen. This plan is being shoved down the throats of the citizens of SC and NC.

I own property in Campobello which is in a conservation easement. Apparently these no longer hold any value if the power company can plow right through them. People create conservation easements to protect the fragile environment, not to provide a low density area for utilities to go through at their pleasure. My goal is and was preservation. I thought I had made a wise choice for the future of the environment and generations to come. This appears to be very threatened. The other unsettling news is the manner in which the property for the power station was purchased. If this isn't good old boys padding each others pockets, I don't know what is. At some point people are going to have to take a stand against big business that rapes the environment and endangers the health of citizens, especially with a few benefitting financially at the expense of all else. This is what I am begging the SCPSC to do! Please send a clear message to Duke

Energy that some things are more important than their company making more money. Money will not feed us when every tree has been cut down and all our water supply has been polluted. I am well aware that we all rely on the power company for electricity. However, there are greener ways to proceed. Let's take the safer, cleaner, greener route. Let's be an example to other states. Let's demonstrate our pride in the beauty of the Carolinas by protecting them! I place my fullest confidence in you to protect our state which has such a proud heritage, as well as amazing natural beauty. Let's defend South Carolina from the likes of Duke Energy and any other entity who feels free to destroy our environment, history and beauty.

Thank you,

Caroline McKissick Young